THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) The World Bank had never ceased to finance the power sector in India.

(b) and (c). A proposal of the Power Finance Corporation (PFC) for a line of credit of US $ 265 million is pending with the world Bank. world Bank's officials' discussions with the PFC related primarily to this proposal.

Use of Solar Energy for Small Refrigerations

3989. PROF. RAM KAPSE: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned ' Gene bank of medicinal herbs' appearing in the Times of India, Bombay edition dated September 21,1991; and

(b) if so, the details in regard to the use of solar energy for sail refrigerators?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRYOF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There are two routes for use of solar energy for small refrigerators - Solar Photovoltaic and solar thermal. In solar Photovoltaic powered refrigerators direct current electricity is generated with the help of photovoltaic cells which in turn is used to operate the compressor. In solar thermal refrigerators heat energy from the sun is used to energise the refrigeration systems.

Vacant Posts in Police Radio Department of Andaman and Nicobar Islands

3990. SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of posts in Police Radio department of Andaman and Nicobar Islands are lying vacant;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor and

(c) the steps taken to fill up the vacant posts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFIARS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) to (c). The information is being collected and shall be laid on the table of he House.

Equipping Police Personnel

3991. SHRI J. CHOKKA RAO: Will the Minster of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have evaluated the weaponary and other equipments possessed by the various extremist outfits and militant group together with the source of supply; and

(b) the steps the Government have taken to equip the police personnel to much the combat power of extremist and militant groups?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLARLIA MENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) and (b). Position regarding the weaponry available with the various extremist outfits and militant groups is assessed and monitored on a continuous basis by the Central Government in consultation with the State government agencies concerned.

Improved and sophisticated weapons are provided to the State Police forces depending upon their actual requirement as well as availability.

Killing by Militants

3992. SHRI BHUWAN CHANDRA KHANDURI:
SHRI PRAKASH V. PATIL:
PROF. ASHOK ANANDRAO DESHMUKH:
SHRI MORESHWAR SAVE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of civilians, Government employees and security personnel, separately killed/kidnapped by the militants in Punjab and J & K during the current year upto 31st October, 1991 category-wise;

(b) the number of militants nabbed/killed during encounters with security forces during the above period in Punjab and J & K;

(c) the number of militants released by the Government in both States during the period; and

(d) the steps Government have taken to ensure rehabilitation of kith and kin of the deceased in both States particularly those of deceased Government employees and security personnel?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STAT IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) and (b). According to information available 1881 civilians and 427 securty force personnel were killed in Punjab by terrorists during the relevant period. 355 parsons had also been kidnapped by them during the period. The break-up into Government employees and security force personnel is not readily available. During the same period 1248 terrorists had been killed in encounters and another 1731 had ben arrested.

Information in this regard respect of J & K is being collected and would b laid on the table of the House.

(c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(d) The Governments of Punjab and J & K have drawn up schemes to provide relief and other assistance to the victims of terrorists.

New Post Offices in Kolam Kerala

3993. SHRI LODIKKUNNIL SURESH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be please to state:

(a) the number of new post offices proposed to be opened in Kerala during 1991-92; and

(b) how many of these will be in Kolam districts and the details of the proposed locations?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) A target for opening 50 extra departmental branch post offices has been fixed for Kerala during the year 1991-92.

(b) There is a target to open two Extra Departmental Branch Post Offices in Kolam district during the current year. An extra-departmental Post Office had been opened in Veliyam West on 31.10.91 and another one is being opened at Podiyattuvila.

Proposal to Establish TV Studio at Dharamsala (Himachal Pradesh)

3994. SHRI D.D. KHANORIA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state: